

Academic Senate Executive Committee
Officer Elections
Candidate Statement: Monica Ohkubo
Position: Vice President



Fellow Senators,

It is my honor to have been nominated by President Nancy Persons for the position of Academic Senate Vice President. As your current Vice President, I would love the opportunity to continue working on the Academic Senate Executive Committee (ASEC), and to carry on with the progress we all have made together. For those I do not have the pleasure to know yet, I am the Head Athletic Trainer in Sports Medicine in the Kinesiology, Athletics and Dance department, the director of the Pre-Sports Medicine Career Education program, and an Area 10 Senator. My position allows me to work with a broad range of students, faculty, staff and managers in many different areas of the District.

When I first ran for Vice President, I set out to enhance representation on the ASEC as a queer, half-Japanese female who carries both an allied and traditional teaching load. It remains a goal of mine to represent underrepresented populations both in action and in existence, in spaces like the Academic Senate. I am student-centered, passionate, collaborative and have leadership experience at the department, District, local, state and regional levels. I like thinking both analytically and holistically while valuing collaboration, transparency and teamwork. I bring a depth and breadth of experiences as an allied, instructional and CE faculty member who has served on many committees over my last 16 years at SRJC such as Guided Pathways, Planning and Budget Council, Faculty Staffing, District Health and Safety, President's Advisory Council, APISA, the Student Health Advisory Committee, and numerous faculty, management and classified professional hiring committees.

"Teamwork is what makes common people capable of uncommon results."-Pat Summitt. Together we truly achieve more. It is with great pride that I recall the recent major accomplishments of the Academic Senate team: SLO assessments and responsiveness to accreditation needs: supporting the incarcerated students priority registration resolution; taking on the Constitution and Bylaws revision; continuing Guided Pathways progress, and, the most exciting personally; the completion of the revision of Hiring Procedure 4.3.2, which I have helped shepherd through the process since 2013.

I believe if we question the status quo, focus on our students, move forward collegially and transparently while working hard to create positive change for our students, our faculty, and our institution, the Academic Senate will continue to make progress. I wish to continue facilitating both improved Senate operations and outcomes, and collaborative interactions among such a passionate group of Academic Senators. I hope I will have your vote to continue this good work as Vice President of your Academic Senate.